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BERBERA PORT FACILITIES

SOMALI REPUBLIC

1. SIGNIFICANCE: A DEEPWATER PORT IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT BERBERA AS PART OF THE SOVIET AID PROGRAM IN THE SOMALI REPUBLIC.
2. REMARKS: PRIOR TO 1965 THE BERBERA PORT WAS CONSIDERED A MINOR LANDING AREA WITH FACILITIES CAPABLE OF SERVING ONLY SMALL CRAFT. LARGER VESSELS COULD BE OFFLOADED WITH THE AID OF LIGHTERS.
3. LOCATION: ON THE GULF OF ADEN, AT 1027N 04501E.

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5. NEGATION DATE:

PORT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAD NOT BEGUN IN OCTOBER
1964 AS EVIDENCED BY PHOTO ATTACHMENTS TO

6. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

ONE KH-7 MISSION.

7. MISSION READOUT:

FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 LARGE FINGER PIERS, A "T-HEAD"
PIER, A MARGINAL WHARF, A TRANSSHIPPING AREA, AND A RUBBLE-FILLED APPROACH
LEADING TO A MOORING FACILITY. THE HARBOR IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING EXPANSION
AND A CONSIDERABLE CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE OCTOBER 1964. A DREDGE HAS BEEN
EMPLOYED TO REMOVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SILT AND SAND NORTH OF THE TRANSSHIPPING
AREA TO CREATE AN AREA OF NEW LANDFILL. 2 PROBABLE PATROL CRAFT AND 2 MER-
CHANT SHIPS WERE ALSO OBSERVED.

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